## In the Claims:

## Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Amended) A <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module comprising:
  - (a) a power source;
  - (b) a voltage step-up circuit coupled to said power source;
  - (c) a control unit coupled to said power source and step-up circuit, said control unit timer having (i) a driver; (ii) a controller, a timer unit; and (iii) an output;
  - (d) a driver coupled to the control unit output; and
  - (e)(b) a <u>flexible</u> bi-stable display coupled to the <u>timer output</u> <u>driver</u>, <u>said</u> <u>display comprising a plurality of encapsulated display elements</u>;

wherein the controller switches power to the display less than 60 times a minute periodically and directs a stepped-up voltage from said circuit momentarily powering said display.

- 2. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 1 wherein said display is <u>momentarily</u> powered no more than once per minute.
- 3. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 1 wherein said display is <u>momentarily</u> powered no more than twice a minute.
- 4. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 1 wherein said display is <u>momentarily</u> powered no more than three times a minute.
- 5. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 1 wherein said display is momentarily powered no more than ten times a minute.

6. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 1 wherein said bi-stable display is an electrophoretic display.

- 7. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 1 wherein said bi-stable display is a gyricon display.
- 8. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 1 wherein said bi-stable display is flexible.
- 9. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 1 wherein said bi-stable display is invertable.
- 10. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 1 wherein said display comprises a plurality of addressable segments.
- 11. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 9 wherein said invertable display can display a dark segment on a light background.
- 12. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 9 comprises a driver that can invert the display to display a light segment on a dark background.
- 13. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 9 wherein the controller inverts the display at a predetermined rate.
- 14. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 9 wherein a user can selectively invert the display.
- 15. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 1 <u>wherein said</u> further comprises a voltage power source coupled to the timer is a battery.

16. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 15 wherein said <del>voltage</del> source comprises a battery is rated at no greater than 3 volts.

- 17. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 15 1 wherein said <del>voltage</del> power source comprises a solar cell.
- 18. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 15 1 wherein said <del>voltage</del> power source comprises a mechanical source.
- 19. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 15 1 wherein said <del>voltage</del> power source is a thermal source.
- 20. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 1 further comprises a light source adjacent to the bi-stable display, wherein said display is reflective and wherein said light source illuminates the display.
- 21. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 20 wherein said light source is an LED.
- 22. (Amended) The wrist-worn timepiece module of claim 20 wherein said light source is an EL.
- 23. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 1 wherein said bi-stable display is bi-chromatic.
- 24. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 1 wherein said bi-stable display is poly-chromatic.

25. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 1 wherein said time further comprises a voltage step-up circuit <u>comprises a series of cascading diodes</u>.

- 26. (Amended) A wrist-worn timepiece module comprising:
  - (a) a power source;
  - (b) a voltage step-up circuit coupled to said power source;
  - (c) a control unit coupled to said power source and step-up circuit, said control unit timer having (i) a driver; (ii) a controller, a timer unit; and (iii) an output;
  - (d) a driver coupled to the control unit output; and
  - (e)(b) a flexible bi-stable display coupled to the timer output driver, said display comprising a plurality of encapsulated display elements; wherein the controller switches power to the display less than 60 times a minute periodically directs a stepped-up voltage from said step-up circuit to said display, thereby momentarily powering said display; and [.]
  - (f) (e) a light source adjacent to the bi-stable display, wherein said display is reflective and wherein said light source illuminates the display.
- 27. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 26 wherein said light source is an LED.
- 28. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of claim 26 wherein said light source is an EL.
- 29. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 26 wherein said display is an electrophoretic display.

30. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 26 wherein said display is a gyricon display.

- 31. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 26 wherein said b<u>i</u>-stable display is optimized to maintain a state for no less than one minute.
- 32. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 26 wherein said <del>timer</del> includes a voltage step-up circuit <del>comprising</del> comprises a series of cascading diodes.
- 33. (Amended) A <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module comprising:
  - (a) a power source;
  - (b) a voltage step-up circuit coupled to said power source;
  - (c) a control unit coupled to said power source and step-up circuit, said control unit timer having (i) a driver; (ii) a controller, a timer unit; and (iii) an output;
  - (d) a driver coupled to the control unit output; and
  - (e)(b) a <u>flexible</u> bi-stable display having an invertable display, and coupled to the <u>timer output</u> <u>driver</u>, said <u>display comprising a plurality of encapsulated</u> <u>display elements</u>;

wherein the controller switches power to the display less than 60 times a minute periodically and directs a stepped-up voltage from said circuit momentarily powering said display, and wherein said timer can have control unit has an alarm that triggers the inversion of the display.

34. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 33 wherein said display is invertable between a first state and a second state.

35. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn</u> timepiece module of Claim 33 wherein said invertable display can display a dark segment on a light background.

36. (Amended) The <u>wrist-worn timepiece</u> watch of Claim 33 wherein the driver inverts the display at a predetermined rate.